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Grant of residential scholarships to the students of Harijan and Backward Class communities.

* 1002 Q.—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether any new residential scholarships were sanctioned to the Harijan students and those belonging to Backward Communities studying in the high schools during the year 1952–53; if so how many and the amount sanctioned?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sixty-one fresh scholarships involving Rs. 10,310–7–0 were granted to students belonging to eligible communities and converts. No scholarships were granted to backward class students."

Payment of travelling allowance to some teachers of Gopal Higher Elementary School, Kunhimangalam, North Malabar, for duty during General Elections.

* 1003 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that twelve teachers of Gopal Higher Elementary School, Kunhimangalam, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, have not yet received any allowances for their duty connected with the last General Elections; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Until recently 12 teachers of that school had not been paid travelling allowance for polling duty performed by them in the last general elections.

" (b) The travelling allowance claims of these teachers, said to have been sent to the Returning Officer of the Tellicherry Assembly Constituency could not be traced either in his office or in the office of the Tahsildar, Chirakkal. Fresh claims were, therefore, obtained from the teachers and settled."

Supply of radio sets under the National Extension Service.

* 1004 Q.—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of radio sets supplied under the National Extension Service;

(b) how many of them were supplied to Harijan colonies (i) in the State, and (ii) in Tiruvallur taluk; and

(c) the amount spent for supply of radio sets?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Forty-seven.

" (b) (i) and (ii) Nil.

" (c) Rs. 15,330."